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<b>COUNTRY</b>	East Germany	<b>REPORT</b>	
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Present Capacity and Planned 1954 Production in East German Foundries	<b>DATE DISTR.</b>	22 October 1954
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(FOR KEY SEE REVERSE)

1. East Germany's foundry capacity for iron and steel at the beginning of 1954 amounted to 654,764 metric tons. This was distributed among the fifteen administrative areas (Bezirke) as follows:<sup>1</sup>

Berlin	29,611
Chemnitz	95,647
Cottbus	36,068
Dresden	111,535
Erfurt	21,614
Frankfurt/Oder	9,395
Gera	29,745
Halle	56,627
Leipzig	76,402
Magdeburg	147,144
Neubrandenburg	16,034
Potsdam	11,091
Rostock	2,920
Schwerin	2,915
Suhl	8,016

654,764

2. Of this total capacity, some two-thirds is directly subordinate to the Ministry of Machine Construction, while the remainder is directed either by the Ministry of Heavy Industry (with about 100,000 tons capacity), the Ministry of Railroads (3,000 tons), or is locally administered. The latter group, of course, consists entirely of small plants mostly of less than 1,000 tons capacity per annum.
3. Under the Economic Plan for 1954 it is planned to produce 594,355 tons of castings. This total is made up as follows:<sup>2</sup>

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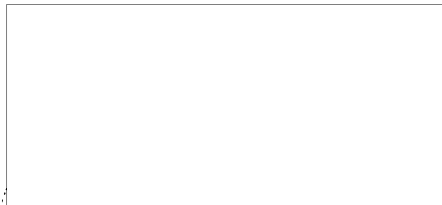
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	<u>No. of Plants</u>	<u>Tonnage</u>
a. Ministry of Machine Construction		
Heavy Industry Division (I)	12	49,683
Chemical and Food Industry Division (II)	17	30,915
Textile and Book Production Division (III)	14	32,731
Machine Tool Division (IV)	11	24,720
Foundry Division (V)	35	188,521
Boiler and Turbine Division (VI)	4	8,450
Power Plant Division (VII)	7	23,742
Shipbuilding Division (IX) <sup>3</sup>	2	420
Vehicle and Tractor Division (X)	3	2,120
Locomotive and Rolling Stock Division (XI)	1	2,300
Agricultural Machinery Division (XII)	7	11,825
Precision and Optical Instrument Division (XIV) <sup>4</sup>	5	4,550
Cable Division (XV)	1	162
Light Machinery Division (XVI)	15	38,648
Iron and Metal Goods Division (XVII)	1	1,040
b. Ministry of Heavy Industry	14	107,600
c. Ministry of Railroads	2	3,000
d. Locally administered	<u>124</u>	<u>63,928</u>
	275	594,355

1. Comment. The gap between present capacity as stated in the report and planned production will be filled by new installations in the course of the year. 25X1
2. Comment. In view of the extremely high rate of defective castings produced in East Germany, it appears unlikely that planned production will be achieved, unless the present drive to lower the percentage of defective castings is surprisingly successful. 25X1
3. Comment. The electrical machinery division (VIII) has been omitted. 25X1
4. Comment. The RFT division has been omitted. 25X1



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